

Conservation Commission
Minutes July 20, 2016
Grange Meeting Room Boxborough Town Hall 29 Middle Rd.

Members Present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, and Dennis Reip.
Member Absent: Hoff Stuart.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes of July 6, 2016.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted 4 – 0 with 1 abstention to approve the executive session minutes of July 6, 2016.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to pay \$556.00 for the Commission's annual membership dues to MACC. This includes a \$15.00 e-subscription fee for the MACC Handbook.

Dennis read a letter from Bill Murray, Places Associates, Commission consultants. Bill met with Brian Butler of Oxbow Associates to review his reporting on the status of remediation of the wetlands silted by Lawn Barber at 1034 Mass Ave. The silt and sediment have been completely removed but the plantings have not yet established due to the ongoing drought.

Dennis reported the '17 LAND Grant was successfully submitted prior to the application deadline on July 20th.

Michael Monahan, The Dartmouth Group, was present on behalf of the Boxborough Meadows homeowners' association to discuss the process for acquiring the Certificate of Compliance. He will recommend that they contact Places Associates and / or Oxbow Associates to review the existing wetland replication plan and determine if it needs to be modified.

8:00 pm NOI Hearing DEP no: 113-539 Property Owner/Applicant: Anne Gardulski
Project Location: 171 Depot Rd Assessor's Map 11-022-000 Lead Reviewer: Charlene Golden
Present: Anne Gardulski, Grant Garven
Project: Replace and repair existing walkways and small retaining wall. Install a rain garden and other landscaping to reduce erosion by overland flow of water from Sargent Road. Install improved lighting.
Documents presented: NOI and Addendum submitted July 18 after the site visit.

Discussion: Charlene reported on her site visit Thursday July 14, 2016 with Tom Garmon, DPW director. Charlene requested more details from applicant and the Addendum was provided. The Town DPW is willing to construct berms and other similar features to re-direct runoff from Sargent Road so that it has significantly less impact to the applicant's property. Charlene has reviewed the "proposed solutions" submitted by the applicant and is generally of the opinion they will improve the existing conditions, specifically solutions 1 and 3 – 8. She had some concerns about the proposed barbecue pad in

solution 2. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to close the hearing.

The Commission discussed the 2030 Plan Commission Action Items:

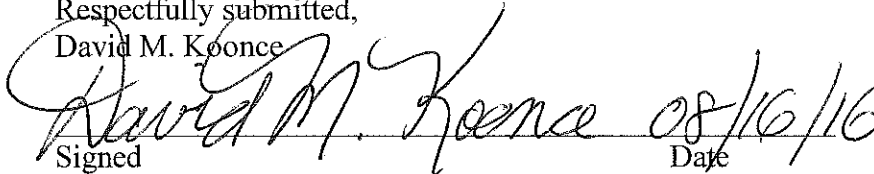
- 1.1.1.2 Management of parcels is being done according to the recommendations of the Mass Audubon Land Management Plans for Grasslands and Meadows.
- 1.3.1.3 Ongoing. The Conservation Restriction on the Campbell on Depot Rd. is a recent example.
- 1.3.1.5 Ongoing
- 3.4.1.1 Ongoing. The Commission will ask DPW to help identify problem areas.
- 4.1.2.2 Unclear if there is much of a demand for bicycle parking.

The Commission discussed CPA funds. The Finance Committee will now only support using CPA funds to replenish the Conservation Trust Fund. Dennis will check on the restrictions that CPA will impose on the use of the funds

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Koonce

08/16/16

Signed

Date